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SUBJECT: ANITI-US ALLEGATIONS

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1. WE CONCUR FULLY IN YOUR PROPOSAL TO WEIGH IN WITH THE GOI ON RECENT STATEMENTS BY INDIAN OFFICIALS AND STORIES IN THE INDIAN PRESS ALLEGING US INTERFERENCE IN INDIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. WE BELIEVE AMBASSADOR SHOULD PRESENT OUR VIEWS TO CHAVAN OR OTHER APPROPRIATE HIGH-RANKING MEA OFFICIAL ORALLY AS WELL AS IN WRITTEN FORM. NOW THAT CENSORSHIP HAS BEEN IMPOSED, HOWEVER MUCH WE MAY DISAPPROVE OF IT, THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR PRESS TO CARRY ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES.
 2. WHILE TAKING NOTE OF POSITIVE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE PRIME MINISTER ON INDO-U.S. RELATIONS, YOU SHOULD ALSO SEEK, AS SUGGESTED, CLARIFICATION OF HER JULY 4 REMARKS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE COUNTRIES CRITICIZING INDIA FOR CURBING DEMOCRACY WERE VYING FOR CHINESE FAVOR AND HAD SUPPORTED YAYHA KHAN'S REPRESSION OF THE BANGALES IN 1970.
 3. AS GOI MUST BE AWARE, USG HAS BEEN VERY CIRCUMSPECT IN ANSWERING PRESS QUERIES HERE REGARDING INDIAN DEVELOPMENTS. WE WOULD EXPECT GOI TO DEMONSTRATE SIMILAR REGARD FOR U.S. SENSITIVITIES, AND ESPECIALLY IN INSTANCES IN WHICH TOTALLY UNFOUNDED AND UNWARRANTED ALLEGATIONS BY SENIOR GOI POLITICAL LEADERS ARE INVOLVED. AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO REITERATE
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WITH GOI, POINT HE MADE WITH CHAGAN ON MAY 16 THAT INDIAN LEADERS

CANNOT INDULGE IN IRRESPONSIBLE AND UNTRUE ALLEGATIONS AND CRITICISMS OF

THE U.S. WITHOUT HAVING DAMAGING IMPACT ON OUR EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN
RELATIONS ON AN EVEN KEEL.
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